

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of) Examiner: Boyd, Erin M.
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Plant)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment with Remarks is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2009 having a period for response set to expire on December 30, 2009. A petition for a one month extension of time is included herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of amendments presented herein and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.